the requirement of additional Central Para Military Forces in West Bengal during his meeting with the Union Home Minister.

The deployment of Central Para military Force in any State depends upon the overall security scenario in the country and availability of these forces. Keeping in view these constraints, Central Para military Forces, to the extent possible, are already deployed in West Bengal.

Peace talks in Jammu and Kashmir

361. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of broad-based peace talks on Kashmir problem initiated by Government recently inviting unconditionally representations of all sections of people of Jammu and Kashmir including All Party Hurriyat Conference and also other Kashmiri Organisations which are currently engaged in militancy and have shunned negotiated settlement so far;

(b) the reaction of All Party Hurriyat Conference and other militant and non-militant organisations to peace talks and also to the nomination of Shri K.C. Pant as negotiator;

(c) whether Government have formulated any guidelines or time-frame for the peace talks negotiators; and

(d) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Shri K.C. Pant has had interactions with various individuals and representatives of political parties, NGOs, local media, human right bodies, religious heads, etc. for ascertaining their views. He also visited Jammu and Kashmir during May 28th to June 2nd, 2001 for the purpose.

(b) The response has been encouraging so far as people, parties, NGOs etc. are concerned. Neither terrorists outfits nor All Party Hurriyat Conference have responded positively.

(c) and (d) Shri K.C. Pant, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission has been nominated to hold political dialogue with all sections of peace loving people of the State of J&K including those who are outside it, in order to promote a vigorous movement towards establishment of peace and tranquility. Though a broad agenda "peace and how it may be attained" and all aspects bearing on this theme have been given, no definite time-frame has been prescribed.

Negotiation with terrorist organisations in J and K

362. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether after declaration of unilateral ceasefire in the Jammu and Kashmir State during recent months the Government have initiated the round of negotiations with the terrorist organisations engaged in violence to follow the path of peace;

(b) if so, the names of the organisations with which negotiations have been initiated in this regard; and

(c) the dates on which these negotiations have been held and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) No Sir, none of the terrorist outfits came forward for a dialogue even though Government had kept the doors open for Kashmir Organisations currently engaged in militancy in the State but who are desirous of peace.

(b) and (c) Questions do not arise.